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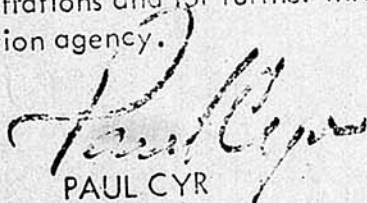
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malfunction with this ammunition in which the bolt failed to remain at the rear, and it occurred on the old model.

Near the conclusion of the firing, television cameras recorded an interview of Chairman Ichord by Mr. Bergman. The Chairman stated that "The M-16 is the best weapon for Vietnam, when it works - I personally know of no instances where jamming has caused the death of a soldier, but it could have." In response to other questions by Mr. Bergman, Chairman Ichord indicated he believed that the chrome-plated chamber and the new buffer had significantly reduced M-16 malfunctions, but he further believed that the new IMR 8208 propellant, as well as ball propellant WC 846, does and will continue to cause excessive fouling. He indicated he was hopeful the Marine Corps testing would answer the Subcommittee's doubts in this respect.

In the near future, the ABC SCOPE Program can be expected to broadcast at least certain portions of this firing. ABC can also be expected to make further requests of ASD (PA) for firing demonstrations and for further information regarding the M-16 rifle. CINFO is the DA action agency.



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